



HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER

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Transition Ambassadors

Our Year 7 Transition Ambassadors are a fantastic group of pupils who have volunteered to support the Year 6 children joining us in September. They are friendly, approachable and full of enthusiasm, and their role is to help new pupils feel welcome and settled as they begin their journey at St Wilfrid's. From answering questions to sharing their own experiences of starting secondary school, our ambassadors are brilliant role models who embody the values of our school community. We're incredibly proud of the way they have stepped up to support others with such maturity and care.

If you're a new parent wanting to find out more about the transition to St Wilfrid's, we invite you to visit the Transition section of our school website. There you'll find key dates, helpful resources, and information about what to expect as your child prepares to join us. It's a great way to stay informed and feel confident about the exciting journey ahead.

<https://www.st-wilfrids.org/school-life/transition/>

Welcome Evening

It was a pleasure to welcome so many families to our Year 6 Welcome Evening this week.

Events like this are such an important part of our transition programme, giving pupils and parents the chance to meet key staff, explore the school, and begin to feel part of the St Wilfrid's community.

The atmosphere was warm and positive, and it was wonderful to see some familiar faces as well as new ones, all beginning to look ahead to September with a sense of excitement and anticipation.

We're very much looking forward to supporting every child and their family as they begin this next stage of their journey with us at St Wilfrid's.



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Amazon Experience

A number of our Year 10 pupils recently participated in an Insight Day at Amazon's Fulfilment Centre in Gateshead, aimed at aspiring engineers.

The event offered a valuable opportunity to explore STEM career pathways and learn more about Amazon's apprenticeships in Mechatronics and Automation. As well as raising awareness of how academic performance links to future career goals, the day also helped pupils develop key employability skills including interview techniques, project work, personal branding, and marketing.

It was an inspiring and informative experience for all involved.



Brilliant Club

We're incredibly proud of our pupils who recently graduated from the Brilliant Club's Scholars Programme! This amazing initiative gives KS3 pupils a taste of university-style learning beyond the classroom.

The pupils involved have worked tirelessly on their projects themed "Mission Possible: Solving the World's Problems with Computer Science".

The graduation ceremony was held at Northumbria University, where their achievements were celebrated in style. A special shoutout goes to one of our fantastic Year 7 pupils, who represented the group as a "Spokes Scholar" and delivered an inspiring speech about their experiences with the Brilliant Club.

Well done to all our brilliant scholars



It was wonderful to meet some of our new families joining us when their children join St Wilfrid's in September this week. It was also lovely to see so many of our existing families to help welcome younger siblings to our school community.

As we dive into the final half term of this academic year, I want to thank everyone once again for their support. With KS4 and KS5 exams drawing to a close, we are incredibly proud of the resilience and commitment our older pupils have shown. At the same time, our KS3 pupils are working hard through their assessment window, demonstrating real focus and maturity. We're grateful for the encouragement and guidance you continue to provide at home—partnerships like these make a real difference to pupil success.

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